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One of the references cited, Non-Patent Literature Reference, "Transparent Conducting Film Technology", Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, Ohm Co. Pages 55-57, is currently unavailable.

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Early and favorable consideration is respectfully solicited.

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